

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER



I want to start out by wishing all of you a happy and safe 4th of July as we celebrate Independence Day. I hope you all were able to take time to celebrate our nation and the incredible opportunities we have as a people.

I would also like to recognize some of the social unrest we have seen recently and the important conversations we are having as a society that have been spurred by the senseless death of George Floyd. I hope everyone in our community will join me in condemning racism wherever we see it. We obviously have work to do to improve the criminal justice system to provide all of our residents, regardless of race, equal access to justice. I am committed to working with our Police Chief, Mike Martin, to listen to the community and make reasonable changes to address this.

One conversation we have already started is around training for law enforcement. The City Council has continued to support extra training resources for our deputies in Sultan. I will be working with the Council and Police Chief to identify the best ways to use those resources to benefit our community. This is one step but an important one as we move forward together.

This month, we will complete two exciting projects in town. Firstly, we will complete the pedestrian bridge project as finishing touches are done. This has been a major project that has multiple benefits to the City which include safer mobility for pedestrians, connecting two prominent parks, and additional utility capacity for the development we are seeing. We will be working to host a ribbon cutting in accordance with the State's Safe Start re-opening plan sometime this summer.

Residents will also see the installation and completion of the new playground equipment at Osprey Park! City Staff have worked diligently for the past few weeks to remove the old equipment, prepare and expand the footprint of the site, and install the new equipment. We at the City, are very excited for this new amenity in our largest park and welcome you to enjoy it for years to come. I am very thankful to the City Staff and Sultan Community Alliance who collaborated and found a great concept to make a reality for our community.

As the weather gets warmer and we venture out to enjoy the two beautiful rivers that converge in our city, I would like to remind everyone to practice prudent river safety at all times. Despite the warm weather, the rivers are still very high and cold. We, unfortunately, had a young man drown near Index just last month. While playing in the river can be a fun and relaxing way to enjoy a hot summer day, please remain diligent and learn about river safety. Fire District 5 has river safety resources on their website at www.snofire5.org.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions at:

360.454.4145 or russell.wiita@ci.sultan.wa.us.

Sincerely,



Russell Wiita
Mayor
City of Sultan

****CITY HALL INFORMATION****

Physical Address: 319 Main Street #200, Sultan WA 98294

Mailing Address: PO Box 1199, Sultan WA 98294

Office Hours: Monday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

(Closed daily between 12:00 pm—1:00 pm for lunch)

Phone 360.793.2231 • Fax 360.793.3344 • www.ci.sultan.wa.us

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

The City has implemented a new phone system that allows us to contact you, our utility customers, regarding emergencies or schedule changes to our services. This system can contact you via phone and email.

In order to ensure your contact information is up to date, please email us at cityhall@ci.sultan.wa.us or call us at 360.793.2231 and provide us with the most up to date contact information on how to reach you.

NEED HELP WITH YOUR SULTAN UTILITY BILL?

Don't wait until your water is shut off. Past due payments or payment arrangements **MUST** be made by **5:00PM on July 28th**. If you are a *RENTER*, the owner needs to approve any payment arrangement. Please contact us at 360.793.2231.



JULY/AUGUST GARBAGE PICK UP



Zone A	JULY 13 JULY 27 AUGUST 10 AUGUST 24
Zone B	JULY 2 JULY 16 JULY 30 AUGUST 13 AUGUST 27
Zone C	JULY 6 JULY 20 AUGUST 3 AUGUST 17 AUGUST 31
Zone D	JULY 9 JULY 23 AUGUST 6 AUGUST 20

JULY 2020 CALENDAR

All Meetings Held in the Community Room
at 319 Main Street Unless Otherwise Noted

ON HOLD	Community Alliance Meeting Check website for updates
JULY 7	Planning Board—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
JULY 9	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone
JULY 21	Planning Board Meeting—7:00 pm Optional—Please check website
JULY 23	City Council Meeting—7:00 pm Remote Attendance via Zoom or Phone.

SHINDIG CANCELLED

The Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce has informed the City that the Sultan Shindig Celebration will be cancelled this year due to COVID-19. The City is supportive of this decision.

We feel this is the appropriate decision considering the information we currently have. Many other events throughout the summer including Chamber and Community Alliance events are being cancelled out of caution.

We are committed to continuing to work with the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce to make our events, including Shindig, in 2021 bigger and better than ever.

PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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PAY YOUR BILL ON-LINE! NO FEES!

Want to save some paper?

SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC STATEMENTS OR AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS!!

Go to our website at www.ci.sultan.wa.us

PHONE IN BILL PAY

ONE MORE WAY TO PAY YOUR BILL.

How can I pay my City utility bill? Let me count the ways.

1. Mail a check or money order to PO Box 1199, Sultan, WA 98294
2. Drop Box a check or money order in one of two drop box locations.
There is one located at the post office outside the main entrance and another in City Hall just inside the entrance doors on Main Street.
3. In person with Cash, Check, Credit, or Debit Card at City Hall located at 319 Main Street, Sultan, WA 98294 (no fee to pay with debit or credit).
4. Online with Credit, Debit, or Checking Account at : <https://sultanwa.merchantransact.com/default.aspx> - (no fee for this service)
5. Via phone with Credit, Debit, or Checking Account by calling (360) 799-3007. (no fee for this service).

If you have questions, please contact City Hall at 360.793.2231

SULTAN CLEAN UP EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Due to the coronavirus and directives from the Governor, the City will not be holding the clean up event. We are looking to have it in the fall if we are cleared to have the event.

Please look for updates in upcoming newsletters and on the website.